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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 7733

LONDON FOR SEITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KE

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY BACKBENCHERS PROTEST AGAINST SPEAKER

1. SEVERAL MPS WALKED OUT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE  
JULY 21 IN SILENT PROTEST OF SPEAKER FRED MATI'S ALLEGED  
ABUSE OF THE CHAIR DURING DEBATE ON AGRICULTURE BILL.  
INVOLVED WERE DISGRUNTLED BACKBENCHERS WHOM MATI REFUSED  
TO ALLOW TO SPEAK.

2. DAILY NATION JULY 22 CARRIED SOMEWHAT SENSATIONALIZED  
STORY "BACKBENCHERS WALK OUT IN STORM OVER SPEAKER."  
MATI, EMBARRASSED BY NATION ARTICLE, VEHEMENTLY DENINED  
THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO ARTICLE IN EMOTIONAL SPEECH ON  
FLOOR OF ASSEMBLY LATER SAME DAY. MATI'S SPEECH AND  
DENUNCIATION OF NATION WERE VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTED BY  
MPS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WALKED OUT PREVIOUS DAY.

3. COMMENT: MATI, WHO NOMINALLY HOLDS SPEAKERSHIP  
AT PLEASURE OF MEMBERS, WAS IN FACT PICKED BY PRESIDENT  
KENYATTA. PUBLICITY SPOTLIGHTING DIVISIVENESS  
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IN ASSEMBLY FRIGHTENED MATI, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT

OF KENYATTA'S INJUNCTION IN JUNE AGAINST PARLIAMENTARY  
FEUDING. WALKOUT WAS CLIMAX TO LONGSTANDING BACKBENCHER  
DISCONTENT OVER FAVORITISM MATI SHOWS TOWARD  
GOVERNMENT MP'S. BACKBENCHERS SUPPORTED MATI'S ATTEMPT  
TO NEUTRALIZE NATION ARTICLE OUT OF CONCERN LEST  
SUCH REPORTS OF FEUDING MIGHT LEAD TO NEW PARLIAMENTARY  
INTERVENTION BY KENYATTA.  
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